

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Town Hall - Council Chambers
2523 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Butcher. Members present: Bruce Butcher, Al Durrett, John Kakatsch, Alice Mack, Tom Myers, Tony Scopel, and Jim Wray.

Town Staff: Tildon Copeland.

Public Works Director: Scott Baker.

Lee County DOT: Robert Phelan.

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of July 9, 2014

MOTION: Mr. Wray moved to approve the minutes; second by Mr. Kakatsch.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

V. LIGHTNING WARNING SYSTEM - Discuss Presentation to Council (tentatively for September)

Ms. Hosafros reported that PSC would probably meet with Council in September for their joint session and they could discuss the lightning warning system at that time.

Mr. Kakatsch stated that Mr. Larry Kiker expressed concern regarding liability and the lightning warning system.

Ms. Erleene Sanders encouraged PSC to make the beaches secure. She distributed a packet of information to aid PSC with their decision. Ms. Sanders recommended the WeatherBug system. Ms. Sanders volunteered to assist the committee in any capacity.

Mr. Durrett stated that if Lee County would not fund the system, Fort Myers Beach should take on the responsibility. Mr. Wray agreed.

Mr. Copeland stated that he would check the calendar to schedule a meeting in order to organize the presentation. Mr. Durrett invited Ms. Sanders to attend the meeting.

Mr. Randy Smith from WeatherBug stated that he would resend prices to members.

VI. EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN - Review - Condense EOP for Council approval

Ms. Hosafros distributed and discussed a first draft of the EOP. Ms. Hosafros requested feedback regarding the long and short version of the plan. Ms. Hosafros explained the succession issues concerning the two plans. Ms. Hosafros stated that she suggested to Town Attorney Rooney that a third alternative be created to replace the current plans.

VII. LENELL RD. INTERSECTION - Seasonal Traffic Officer - B.A.S.E. Proposal

No update.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

A. Street Light Outage Report

No outages reported. Mr. Tom Myers joined the meeting at 9:38.

B. Crosswalks Cost

Mr. Phelan reported that the RRFB installation at Bay Beach Lane was completed. Costs were broken into three components: concrete work, material cost of the RRFB, and labor. The total cost of the project was approximately \$20,000 at the Bay Beach Lane location. Mr. Phelan stated that the color change was made for consistency. Mr. Scopel discussed Times Square traffic issues and questioned whether a traffic officer could be stationed in the area during season.

Ms. Mack distributed a photo of a crosswalk at Ava Maria.

Mr. Durrett recommended that Mr. Phelan meet with the owner of the Lahaina Inn Resort regarding a trolley pull off and crosswalk. Mr. Phelan requested that Mr. Durrett have the owner contact him.

IX. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVERTISEMENT

A. Banner Language

Mr. Baker described the large signs on the Sanibel Bridge. Discussion was held regarding language, icons, material, and size. Mr. Copeland stated that he would try to locate a sample of a mesh banner by the next meeting.

B. Cost for Brochures

Mr. Copeland reported that the box of brochures cost \$800. Mr. Copeland stated that he would verify the cost of the shipment. Chair Butcher stated that changes to the brochure could be made before the next order.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Judy Bigos, General Manager of the Outrigger, requested additional lighting at their crosswalk. Ms. Bigos reported that an average of 25-50 pedestrians used the crosswalk to go to

Charley's every day. Mr. Phelan replied that a proliferation of RRFB's would degrade their effectiveness. Chair Butcher stated that street lighting needed to be improved. Ms. Bigos stated that the owners of the Outrigger and Charley's would partner with the County to reach a solution.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Myers remarked that a bridge maintenance program should be established. Mr. Baker replied that a maintenance contract was just signed with the State.

Mr. Wray requested space on the Town's website to highlight safety issues.

Mr. Baker introduced Ms. Chelsea O'Reilly, Administrative Specialist from the Public Works Department.

Ms. Mack suggested replacing the word pedestrian with walkers, bikers, and drivers.

Chair Butcher mentioned the traffic accident at Red Coconut.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Kakatsch moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Wray.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Adopted 9-10-2014 with/without changes. Motion by AL Durrett
(DATE)

Vote: 5-0 Signature: [Signature]

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